BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation	
of the Educator Certificate of) CONSENT ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND
Arlene R. Marturano,)
Certificate 098896)

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on January 9, 2007. On October 26, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice to Arlene R. Marturano of the possible suspension of her educator certificate 098896 by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Dr. Marturano requested a hearing on the matter, but subsequently agreed to waive her right to a hearing and to accept the issuance of a public reprimand. After considering the information presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Dr. Marturano.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Marturano holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over thirty-five years of teaching experience. During the 2003-2004 school year, Dr. Marturano was employed by Richland County School District Two, assigned to Summit Parkway Middle School. While serving as a PACT test administrator during the spring of 2004, Dr. Marturano was reported to have reviewed student test booklets, returned them to certain students, and told those students that they needed to correct or complete their answers. The District placed Dr. Marturano on leave on May 12, 2004, while a test security violation investigation was conducted. On July 27, the District informed Dr. Marturano that she would be

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allowed to resume her teaching duties, but would be reassigned to another school in the district. Dr. Marturano subsequently retired.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct and violation of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The Board finds that the information presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for a Public Reprimand to be issued to Dr. Marturano for test security violations. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

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	/S/ John E. Tindal
	John E. Tindal, Chair
Columbia, South Carolina	

South Carolina State Board of Education

I, Arlene R. Marturano, S.C. Educator Certificate 098896, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on January 9, 2007.

/S/ Arlene R. Marturano	12/26/06
Arlene R. Marturano	Date